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SUBJECT: NEW NON DENOMINATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT

1. HARRY MURRAY AND BOB PAGLES OF ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL (UWC) ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF NON-POLITICAL NON SECTARIAN PEACE AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE SEPT 8. BOTH ALONG WITH HARRY PATTERSON RESIGNED FROM UWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LATE LAST WEEK "TO WORK FOR PEACE" BUT REMAIN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

2. NEW COMMITTEE FORMED BY REPRESENTATIVES 12 GROUPS WITH WOMEN FEATURING PROMINENTLY. CATHOLIC PARTICIPATION ORGANIZED BY CANON PATRICK MURPHY FOLLOWING WHAT MURRAY DESCRIBED AS HIS REALIZATION AT OXFORD MEETING THAT WOMEN COULD PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PEACE EFFORTS. MURPHY AND MURRAY ARRANGED THAT EIGHT CATHOLIC AND EIGHT PROTESTANT WOMEN MEET FOR DISCUSSIONS. NEW COMMITTEE IS OUTGROWTH THIS MEETING AND INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM BELFAST AREAS BALLYMURPHY, ANDERSONSTOWN, SHANKILL ROAD, NEWTOWNARDS ROAD AND FROM BANGOR AND LISBURN. COMMITTEE OPEN TO ALL EXCEPT MEMBERS PROVISIONAL IRA. MEETING TO ENROLL GENERAL PUBLIC SCHEDULES FOR SEPT. 11.

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3. COMMENT: CLERGY-INSPIRED PEACE MOVEMENTS ARE NOTHING

NEW IN NORTHERN IRELAND. TO DATE THEY HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT
HOWEVER LAY-PREACHER MURRY AND MURPHY APPEAL IS PRIMARILY WITH
WORKING CLASS. THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY SINCERE INDIVIDUALS AND THEY
HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN PAST. NEITHER IS HIGHLY REGARDED AS
POLITICAL LEADER BY OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS. THIS MAY WELL
WORK TO THEIR BENEFIT IN THE NEW ENTERPRISE.
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